

# CITY OF GRANDVIEW



# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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**Farmers Market Place Project**  
**Federal Project STP 3322 (406)**

**I do hereby certify that in accordance with the requirements of 23 CFR 635.411(a)(2), this patented or proprietary item is essential for synchronization with existing highway facilities.**

 **3-29-13**  
**Kathryn P. Harvey, State Design Engineer**

Dear Ms. White:

The following information is intended to demonstrate that there is a financial and aesthetic benefit to utilizing proprietary specifications in terms of a specific landscape element on the Grandview Farmers Market Place Project.

The Farmers Market Place Project is located adjacent to Phase 1 of the Grandview's Main St Revitalization Project, and is a vital component of the overall revitalization of Main St, especially the downtown area. Initially the seating within the project was to be provided by masonry seating walls. But bids received at the February 15, 2013 letting greatly exceeded the budgeted amount for the project (see letter dated February 21, 2013). The City has reviewed the project to determine what features were necessary to accomplish the aesthetic and functional goals of the project. One of the cost cutting options chosen was the use of manufactured benches instead of the on-site constructed seating walls.

We are requesting an exemption from MoDOT Section **136.9.2.6** for the pedestrian benches that will be used on the said project. Though other products/brands of pedestrian benches would meet the functionality and durability requirements desired by the City, utilizing different products than that used on the phases of the Main St revitalization would not fit within the aesthetic standard established throughout the streetscape project thus far. During the initial phases of the Main St project the City spent multiple public meetings and conducted visual preference studies to insure that the landscape amenities used on the project would fit within the desired "feel" for the corridor.

By specifying the Scarborough Bench by Landscape Forms, the City of Grandview will insure a seamlessly completed streetscape with identical landscape elements throughout all phases of the Main Street corridor including this project. The City currently has 22 of these benches along Main St,

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including one immediately adjacent to this project, and will install an additional four with the Main St Phase 3 project (STP-3322(407)) currently under construction.

Sincerely,



Larry R. Finley  
City Engineer

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